

not a free white male of the age of twenty one years, and who has not been a citizen of said town twelve months immediately preceding the day of election; and one commissioner shall be elected from and reside in each of the five wards of said town as now laid off, or as may be hereafter laid off from time to time by the people in authority,

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the mayor and commissioners elected or appointed as aforesaid, are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name and title of the "Corporation of Elizabeth City;" by such name and title to have succession and a common seal, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and to acquire and pass title to real and personal estate for the benefit of said town.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the mayor shall preside at all meetings of the corporation when present, and have a casting vote in all cases of a tie. He shall have, within the limits of the town, all the civil and criminal jurisdiction of a single justice of the peace out of court, together with power to issue warrants for, and try all offences against the laws and ordinances of the said town, and to give judgment and issue execution, and shall keep a full record in a well bound book, kept for the purpose, of all the cases, both civil and criminal, tried before him. Appeals shall be allowed from his decisions, under the same rules and regulations as appeals are now allowed from justices of the peace. He shall receive for his services, from the town treasurer, an amount equal to the whole amount of fees taxed for the benefit of the corporation in all the cases tried before him during the year of his office term.